

# The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

## EXPLORE READING WITH YOUR LIBRARY, SCHOOL OR FAMILY!

**"If you're a good reader, you can do anything. I want you to realize your dreams. Take my Summer Reading Challenge, and dive into a good book this summer!"**

- Governor Gary Locke

**Can you read at least 15 hours this summer? Make a habit of reading 20 minutes a day, five days a week and you will get there!**



**T**HIS SUMMER, GOVERNOR GARY LOCKE IS challenging all young people in the state of Washington to read during the summer months. Join your local library or summer school reading program, or read with a family member or friend. Create the habit of reading at least 20 minutes a day. Tell the Governor about your reading and you will be recognized for your summer accomplishments!

### What's the Challenge?

Every young person in Washington State under the age of 18 who reads 15 hours (or more!) this summer, and reports to the Governor Locke, will receive a certificate of recognition and become eligible for a random drawing for a trip to Disneyland for one family of four!

### How to Be a Summer Reader

Keep track of all the reading you do this summer, whether it's at your library or summer school reading program, the Boys and Girls Club, the Y, at home, in the park, or on the beach. Any Washington State resident under the age of 18 is eligible to participate. Preschoolers and children with special needs, who may have difficulty reading on their own, can participate by having an adult or older child read to them.

### Report How Much You Read

When you have read 15 hours (or more!), report back to the Governor. You will receive a certificate and become eligible for the random drawing! Just read an average of 20 minutes a day, five days a week between the time school is out in June and Labor Day and you'll make it!

**You must report your total reading hours to the Governor by Sept. 18, 2004.**

## Ways to Report

You must report your reading hours to the Governor by **Sept. 18, 2004**. There are different ways you can report your 15 hours (or more!) of summer reading:

- Go to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge web site at [www.governor.wa.gov/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.governor.wa.gov/summerreadingchallenge). Follow the instructions for reporting your summer reading to the Governor.
- Report online as an individual reader or as part of a group. Just sign up once!
- **Or** write to the Governor telling him how many hours you read and something about your favorite summer book and your summer reading activities. Groups or individual readers can report by mail. *Please make sure you write your name clearly and include your complete mailing address.* The Governor's address is at the bottom of this page.
- You can participate in the Challenge by completing a comparable library, summer school, or other summer reading program.

## Great Rewards!

All young people who meet the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, and report their summer reading, will receive a certificate from the Governor recognizing their reading success in October 2004. You also will be eligible for a random drawing for a trip to Disneyland. Sorry, but families of employees of the Office of the Governor, the Office of Financial Management, and the Department of Information Services are not eligible to receive prizes.

## Visit Your Local Library!

The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge recognizes the many wonderful summer reading programs across the state. Join in the summer fun at your local library! Participate in your summer school, church, park, Y, 4-H, or Boys and Girls Club summer reading program! Your reading will count toward meeting the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, too!

Be a Summer Reader!



**For more information go to: [www.governor.wa.gov/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.governor.wa.gov/summerreadingchallenge)**

Or write to:

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